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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PROFESSOR "BLACKLISTED" IN TAIWAN

1. PROFESSOR EDWARD FRIEDMAN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, CALLED AT CONGEN JANUARY 17 AND INFORMED CONGENOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO TAIWAN. FREIDMAN SAID HE HAD PLANNED TO MEET HIS FATHER IN TAIPEI WHERE THE LATTER HAD BUSINESS, BUT ON ARRIVAL AT TAIPEI AIRPORT HE WAS TOLD BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS THERE THAT HE WAS ON A "BLACKLIST" AND WOULD NOT BE GRANTED ENTRY. CONVERSATION THEN ENSUED BETWEEN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS IN CHINESE (WHICH FRIEDMAN UNDERSTANDS), AND FRIEDMAN SAYS THAT ONE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED HIM AS A "LEFTIST", CONCLUDING "IT'S FOR SURE... IT COMES FROM THE TOP". FREIDMAN ASKED PERSISSION TO CALL THE EMBASSY BUT IT WAS DENIED.

2. FREIDMAN, A PROFESSOR OF CHINESE STUDIES, SAID THAT HE ASSUMES THE BLACKLISTING CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF HIS SIGNING AN ADVERSTISEMENT APPEALING TO THE TAIWAN AUTHORITIES NOT TO EXECUTE ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES RECENTLY ARRESTED. HE SAID HE COULD THINK OF NO OTHER REASON FOR DENYING HIM ADMISSION TO TAIWAN. ALTHOUGH WISCONSIN IS A CENTER FOR TAIWAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES, FRIEDMAN HAS AVOIDED ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH THEM.

3. IDEALLY, FREIDMAN WOULD LIKE THE DECISION REVERSED, PERMITTING HIM TO RETURN TO TAIPEI IN TIME TO JOIN HIS FATHER, BUT HE RECOGNIZES THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF THAT. HE DOES PLAN TO PURSUE THE MATTER UPON HIS RETURN TO THE

U.S. AND HE MENTIONED WRITING TO SENATOR PROXMIRE.

4. CONGENOFF NOTED FREIDMAN'S REMARKS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THEM, BUT POINTED OUT THAT ANY GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY ADMISSION TO ANYONE IT CHOOSES.WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY ACTIONS THE DEPARTMENT OR TAIPEI MIGHT TAKE IN THIS MATTER. FREIDMAN PLANS TO BE IN HONG KONG UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK.

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